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## National News

by Robert N. Taylor

### NAACP recalls workers, seeks church help

The NAACP last week recalled 26 of the 88 workers it funded two weeks ago as the battle continues to keep the 30-year-old civil rights organization afloat. In a statement chairman William Gibson and interim head Earl Shinnklester said the recalled employees would work to increase fund raising efforts. The nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is suffering under a \$3.8 million deficit which threatens to force the 35-year-old group out of business. But it received support last week as a result of a flood of emergency contributions and a decision by the Ford Foundation to release a \$500,000 grant. In addition, several religious groups, including all the major black denominations, have pledged to give \$5 million for the organization. Church leaders plan to hold a national day of support for the NAACP on January 1.—BALTIMORE, MD.

### Republicans would force millions off welfare

Advocates for the poor say that the Republican Party would force millions of poor people into crime and break up families, but the party is pushing a welfare reform package which would throw millions of people on the nation's streets. The proposal, if adopted, would turn already-hardship inner cities into "free-enterprise"—known as the Personal Responsibility Act—would deny aid to an estimated 2.5 million families and five million children. Republican E. Clay Shaw, Jr. of Florida denied charges that Republicans were trying to punish the poor. He said, "for those who want to improve themselves...they will see this as an opportunity." Critics charge that without adequate skills to compete in today's market, the legislation would have the effect of increasing homelessness, destroying families and forcing people into crime.—WASHINGTON, DC

### Black inmate accused of murdering serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer

Mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer was beaten to death last week while on a work detail in a Wisconsin prison. Dahmer gained international infamy several years ago when it was discovered that he had sexually assaulted, killed, and in several cases eaten portions of the bodies of at least 17 young men and boys. Dahmer was white, but most of his victims were either black or members of

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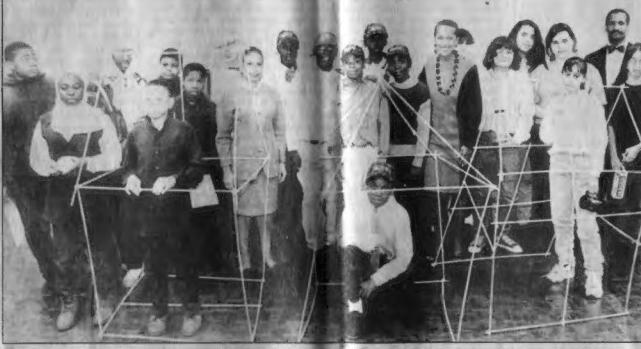
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More than 50 middle school and junior high students from the Newark area recently attended a special career awareness program at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) to learn more about the field of engineering. The program, sponsored by the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME) and Anheuser-Busch Companies, is designed to interest local students in mathematics and science as possible career options. Experts from engineering-related disciplines discussed career preparation and worked with the students on various projects, such as the one pictured, which enabled the youngsters to build geometric structures from dowel rods and elastic bands. Coordinators congratulating the students on their successful projects are: (4th from left, back row) Dr. Howard Kimmel, assistant vice president-academic relations, NJIT; (3rd from left, front row) Dr. Lee E. Williams, executive vice president, NACME; (4th from right, front row) Cynthia Moore, corporate affairs northeast region manager, Anheuser-Busch Companies; and (far right, back row) Frank Wells, director university programs, NACME.

## The Bell Curve rings in era of Dr. Strangelove

by James Clingman

Talk about timing. Charles Murray, co-author of *The Bell Curve*, could not have planned a better release date for his race-baiting book. That overwhelming election, which swept more Limbaugh/Liddy-in and placed new power in the hands of those already in office, should give Murray hope. Now he and those who think as he does, have a good chance of the government following through on his recommendation of abolishing Head Start and other programs. They have an ally in charge now.

Newt Gingrich, "the bomb thrower," as he is affectionately called, has come out swinging. He did more trash talking during the fall campaign than anyone else did all in his years in Congress. He is the chosen one. He is the new champion of the right. Yes, Newt will excise the demons from the White House and make everything all right in these United States. After all, the "American people" have spoken. They want Newt to drop one of his bombs on the poor, African Americans and one on

Bill Bennett and Pat Robertson will be in

Hispanics, too.

The cynical terms abound in Newt's speech: "well-meaning queen," "Willie Horton," "erotic cocaine," "illegal aliens," "socialists" all of whom one word is implied: "Them."

Newt's lieutenants, Jesse Helms (who has already begun his threats), Strom Thurmond, Orrin Hatch, and Phil Gramm, will make certain the marching orders are clear to the rest of the troops. The active resisters, Rush Limbaugh, Linda Chavez, and G. Gordon Liddy, via their daily banter, will continue to keep the civilians off balance and divided. (It's a good thing Ohio North didn't pass his enlistment examination at the Virginian train boards. He'd be a five-star general in New Jersey, in charge of cover operations and "fusing bombs.")

Bill Bennett and Pat Robertson will be in

charge of "virtues," and Dan Quayle will be assigned to monitor virtues and their values. Remember the "Painful Truth" Rio will be known as the "Morality Patrol."

The "brotha" Williams, Armstrong and Walter, along with Thomas Sowell, and the newest, shiftest black overseer, J.C. Watts, from Oklahoma, will serve their masters well. They will be in charge of propaganda in the black community, similar to the Jim Jones solution: Hey broz, y'all, sister, care to join us for a cool drink of punk? And, of course, when anyone disobeys orders, Newt will have Clarence "it's okay to beat up prisoners" Thomas presiding over all court materials.

Before we realize what hit us, just like Hiroshima and Nagasaki a "Newt-bomb" will vaporize those of us not ab-

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## 'Many Faces — One Family' promotes diversity



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Many Faces, One Family

TRENTON—Governor Christine Todd Whitman announced New Jersey's "Many Faces—One Family" initiative at a press conference held Monday, December 5 in the Governor's outer office at the State House.

The initiative will be supported by a blue ribbon committee to be established of state and community leaders who will provide ongoing guidance to the Governor and help establish the program throughout New Jersey.

Designed to recognize and promote New Jersey's diversity as one of its greatest strengths, the "Many Faces—One Family" initiative will serve as the "umbrella" for programs and projects developed by the state that will be run by other organizations that would like to participate in the effort.

"New Jersey's diversity is one of our state's treasures," said Governor Whitman. "It is the strength of individuals of all ages, ethnic and geographic backgrounds, sexual orientation and job status that make New Jersey so special."

According to Governor Whitman, the "Many Faces—One Family" initiative, under the guidance of Secretary of State Lonna R. Hooks, will reach out to individuals and their communities through conferences, grassroots programs and activities, and print and broadcast public service announcements.

The initiative will be broad-based, working closely with business, government, religious, education, arts and humani-

ties, and non-profit communities to deliver its messages.

"The recent success of the 'Cheer' Conference—a day long event sponsored by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Fairleigh Dickinson University where over 400 college and high school students discussed the issue of diversity—is an example of the willingness of individuals to unite and explore this important issue," said Secretary Hooks. "We will continue to support this type of program and create others like it under the 'Many Faces—One Family' initiative."

According to Governor Whitman, the initiative plans to create a Diversity Celebration Day to celebrate the diversity of New Jersey. "Our plan is to establish Diversity Celebration Day in connection with the state's annual 'Ethnic Festival' in the fall of 1995," said Hooks.

Seeking broad involvement of New Jersey business, government, religious education, arts and humanities, and non profit communities, the initiative will also host a Diversity Summit in the spring of 1995.

"We are not interested in just talking about the issues but in really making a difference through proactive programs that reach out to individuals to help them to truly appreciate the benefits of diversity," said Secretary Hooks. "We have planned the Diversity Summit with those

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## COMMENTARY

## The double standard tradition continues

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

When individuals who serve in high offices want to chastise, criticize and ridicule some members of our community—particularly your youth—for acting out certain negative behaviors, we need to seriously question their conduct and actions.

When you have a United States Senator sworn to uphold and protect the Constitution, threatens the President of the United States (ironically, on the same day that marks the 31st anniversary of the assassination of another President), and then after electing members of his party attempt to justify and condone his negative behavior, you can certainly understand why we are infected with such heavy cynicism and skepticism in our society.

Senator Jesse Helms, who is stated to become the next Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is a right-wing fanatic, whose views and opinions are seriously warped. He has publicly made numerous statements that reflect his racist, sexist, and fascist

doctrine of white supremacy. His remarks have been targeted against African Americans, Jewish Americans, women, Hispanics, Asians, etc.

Senator Helms has been making derogatory remarks against President Clinton throughout his tenure, but he sunk to a new low recently when he stated that the President had better bring a bodyguard with him if he came to any military bases in his home state of North Carolina.

These comments were made only days after he had already stated that the President, who is the Commander in Chief of all the military, didn't have the support of the troops, with an implied message that suggested widespread insubordination and even mutiny on behalf of the nation's armed forces.

If you or I publicly made these comments, particularly the threat against the President (which is a federal crime), we would have been picked up by agents from the Secret Service and the F.B.I., arrested and locked up.

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## Community Calendar

### MONTCLAIR 12

**JERSEY CITY**—The Jersey City Public Library will offer a series of Christmas films. For more info, call 201-547-4546.

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum is hosting "Day Without Art" and International Day of Action and Mourning in response to the AIDS crisis at 12 noon. For more info, call the Newark Museum.

### DECEMBER 1-10

**MONTCLAIR**—The Montclair Theater Series at Montclair State University presents "The Miracle Worker" at the Studio Theater on campus. For more info, call 201-655-5112 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### DECEMBER 2-10

**WAYNE**—The Pulitzer Prize-winning Thornton Wilder classic "Our Town" will be staged at William Patterson College. For more info, call 201-690-2371.

### DECEMBER 3-10

**JERSEY CITY**—At the Jersey City Art Center, Victoria Raymond will present three workshops on how to make holiday pins and decorations at the area libraries at 10 a.m. For more info, on times info, call 201-547-4510.

**JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City State College will offer two continuing education courses applicable toward the Certified Trauma Counselor (CTC) designation of the International Society of Trauma Counselors (IATC) Saturdays in December. For more info, on times, call 201-200-3089.

### DECEMBER 8, 10

**JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City State College will offer three December courses for persons seeking certification as alcoholism and/or drug abuse counselors in the State of New Jersey. For more info, or to register, call 201-200-3089.

### DECEMBER 8-10

**GREENBUSH**—The Greenbush Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will hold a Holiday Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the facility's library. For more info, call 908-969-5500.

**MONTCLAIR**—Montclair State University will hold its 17th annual Holiday Crafts Show and Sale between 10 a.m. and 4

p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. For more info, call 201-744-4791.

### DECEMBER 7-11

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Multicultural Affairs of the Jersey City State College presents George's adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Call 201-200-3151.

### DECEMBER 8

**VERONA**—The Metro District of the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (NJARA) is looking for volunteers in Essex, Hudson, and Union counties. All interested people are invited to attend an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Verona Public Library. For more info, call 201-403-8229.

### DECEMBER 9-16

**WESTFIELD**—Classes on Herbal Supplements in Recovery and Assessing Personality Disorders will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County. Call 908-233-8810 for more info.

### DECEMBER 10

**NEWARK**—Concerned Black Nurses of Newark, Inc. will present its Annual School of Event Planning Class on Pre-Kwanzaa Extravaganza from 6 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Don's 21, 1034 McCarter Highway in Newark. For more info, call 201-957-4296, or 201-268-8131.

### DECEMBER 10-16

**NEWARK**—The city of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA), will sponsor the 1994 "Rufin Memorial Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions" at Mountainside Tennis in Mountainside. Deadline entry for the Tournament is Dec. 1. For more info, call 201-733-6454.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**RAHWAY**—The Union County Festival of Arts will be at 1 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center. For more info, call 908-538-2550 or 499-6226.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

**JERSEY CITY**—The Clemente Branch Library invites adults patrons to a Christmas Community coffee hour with refreshments and a movie at 11 a.m. For more info, call 201-547-4555.

Send Community Calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774 Plainfield, NJ 07061

## Housing agency plans open house

**PLAINFIELD**—The Union County Fair Housing Council Inc. is hosting an open house on Wednesday, December 14, in the Union Building at 7-9 Watchung Ave.

The non-profit agency offers free services such as advice on budgeting to make your mortgage payments,

alternatives and strategies to resolve tenant-landlord conflicts, how and where to look for an apartment as well as home ownership opportunities for low-income individuals.

For more information contact, Denise Mayo Moore at 908-754-1399.

## Citizens making a difference



**MARCH OF DIMES 1994 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS** Pictured, (back row, l to r) are William H. Glenn, of Westfield, market general manager, Pepsi Cola Company; Dr. Eric Munoz, of Summit, medical director, UMDNJ - University Hospital; Jon Spoelstra, of Saddle River, president and chief operating officer, New Jersey Nets; and M. John Richard, of Plainfield, senior vice president, New Jersey Performing Arts Center. (front row, l to r), Dr. Connie Uy, of Pine Brook, director of Peapack-Gladstone Medical Center; Dr. Jeanne L. G. Cahn, associate specialist, Jean R. Marshall, of Toms River, assistant commissioner of Health of New Jersey; Beverly V. Henderson, of Orange, director of Ambulatory Maternal and Child Health Services, Hospital Center at Orange; and Grace Gibson, of East Orange, Community Volunteer, Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages. Not pictured are Senator Wynona M. Lipman, and Pamela T. Miller, Esquire, of Hackensack, Vice President, Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

## Foundation classic reaches \$100,000 Mark



**PLAINFIELD**—Proceeds topped \$100,000 thanks to the business, community leaders who sponsored Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's sixth annual Foundation Classic at Plainfield Country Club. Above, left to right, Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury, Nina Weil, of Alpine Aromatics, a major sponsor of the event and William P. Well, of Wagner, Stott & Co., chairman of the event, enjoy the dinner and reception following a day of golf. Contributions will benefit the Diabetes Center of New Jersey, a division of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

## Amahl and the night visitors

**NEWARK**—Amahl and the Night Visitors is one act opera of a poor, crippled boy and his mother an impoverished widow, who open their home to the Three Wise Men and their Page on their way to Bethlehem. The visit of the Three Wise Men poses a spiritual and moral challenge for Amahl and his mother who are astonished at the wealth and gifts they carry.

Amahl is portrayed by child actor J'Dure Gibson. At 13 years of age, Gibson is already a seasoned singer/actor. A Harlem resident, Gibson studies at the Harlem School of the Arts under the direction of Yvonne Hatchett, the renowned mezzo-soprano/contralto who also plays his mother in the opera.

The stage takes place 2,000 years in the past, but is a timeless commentary on social/economic inequalities and the brutal impact it has on the underprivileged.

The play will be performed Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church in Newark.



Actor J'Dure Gibson

Proceeds from the performance will benefit the After-School Care Program at Franklin St. John's United Church, which provides an essential service providing educational assistance, spiritual support and a safe haven to children throughout the community between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Services are open to any child in the community between grades one through six. For further information and ticket prices please call 201-923-4449.

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other minority groups. Ironically, the man accused of Dahmer's slaying is also black, Christopher Scarpa, was in jail for a 1992 execution-style murder. Authorities are trying to determine if other inmates were involved in the beating death—PORTAGE, WIS.

## Rangel: 'Postpone party leadership selections'

Senior Congressional Black Caucus member Charles Rangel of New York last week called on the Democratic party to postpone the selection of new party leaders. Rangel and several other black members of Congress fear that in the wake of the recent Republican party victories at the polls, the Democrats may choose more conservative leadership. Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume of Maryland said, "the last thing we need is two Republican parties." In addition, Rangel charged that blacks, women, and Hispanics had been left out of party leadership discussions —

WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Blacks seek to establish new cable television network

The prospects for a new black-oriented premium cable channel are looking brighter for 1995. Currently, there is only one black cable channel, the Washington, D.C.-based Black Entertainment Television. The new network, World African Network (WAN), is the brainchild of Eugene Jackson and his wife Phyllis along with several partners. The channel would target blacks in the 40 largest U.S. television markets as well as markets in several African and Caribbean countries. The prospects for (WAN) have improved because of changes in the cable industry which are likely to allow more channels in 1995. The new network will be based in Atlanta, Georgia.

ATLANTA, GA.

## Teen violence on the rise nationwide

The Rolonda Show has commissioned a poll which shows that teen violence is reaching epidemic proportions in the U.S. Show host, Rolonda Watts, is airing shows illustrating that teen violence is taking its toll on students in small cities, towns and suburbs, as well as in large cities. Other alarming conclusions drawn from the Roper Poll reveals that students who live in the West are twice as likely as those in the Northeast to know someone who has died violently. The study shows that more than half of all students know someone in their neighborhood or school who carries a weapon. Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Professor of Public Health Practice at Harvard School of Public Health, which assisted in the study, says that the findings are the result of an epidemic of youth violence; the children across this country are experiencing unprecedented tragedy, pain and fear, as documented by this and many other studies. Violence is not inevitable. It is learned behavior and is preventable. There are exciting and impressive programs scattered across the country that are models for prevention. We must take action for the sake of ourselves and our children.—NEW YORK, NY

## Black high school graduation rates on the rise

A report released by the Census Bureau shows that while the percentage of young African-American adults completing high school increased significantly from 1973 to 1993, that group's college enrollment rate remained flat in relation to that of white young adults. High school completion rates for blacks rose from 67 percent in 1973 to 75 percent in 1993. There was no change for either whites (83 percent) or Hispanics (61 percent). In 1993 only 33 percent of black high school graduates were enrolled in college.—WASHINGTON, DC

## Legislature not interested

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opportunity to take the state back into court if the needs are not met. The court also established the 1997-1998 school year as an official deadline for the state to reach full compliance. However, the state has until September 1996 to put a plan in place to meet the court's ruling.

"Our government believes that the best way to help public schools is to return them to economic self-sufficiency," Morheuser stated.

She predicted that the state legislature will not move toward parity nor a substantial increase in state aid by 1995-1996. She also said legislation will move on two key issues: the removal of the "thorough

and efficient education" clauses in the state constitution which would completely eliminate the Abbot decision and advocating school vouchers which takes money out of public schools and into private parochial schools.

Morheuser said the use of vouchers was unconstitutional since most private schools are religious schools and the Federal Constitution mandates a separation of church and state.

To meet these demands, she urged the audience to make their voices take to the streets of Trenton.

"What this state needs is a healthy dose on many occasions, of the power and voices of urban New Jersey. Unless you do that, they will forget you."

## Many Faces—One Family

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objectives in mind."

The Summit will be an interactive event in which participants would work together to address particular concerns and devise specific, implementable solutions. Once these strategies are developed, conference participants will be charged to implement these activities within their local communities. A handbook for implementing the program will be provided to all participants.

"We want our 'Many Faces—One Family' program to challenge traditional thinking about diversity and make New Jersey a model for the nation," said Governor Whitman.

The "Many Faces—One Fam-

ly" icon and communications plan was developed pro bono by Poppe Tyson Advertising & Public Relations to symbolize the objectives of the initiative and show that something special happens when people come together.

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## Bell Curve rings

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joined into the elitists' bomb shelter.

Yes, it's a "Newt" day; there's a "Newt" sheriff in town and he is very angry. Never mind the old deputy sheriff and more senior, Bob Done. He is "the man" now, and he plans to let everyone know, especially those left-wing environmentalists, those liberal socialists, and those welfare-dependent Newts. Newt is going to get them all!

To those who are giddy and gleeful at the prospect of having the

Gingrich gang run things for a while, be prepared for the Al Haig syndrome, "I'm in charge" all over again. Except this time the crisis will last much longer.

Stron Thurmond is ninety years old. He has to make up for lost time, and he has to do it fast. He's putting on his butt-kicking shoes and plans to make up for lost time; after all, he hasn't been a judge in South Carolina for quite some time now. Surely he misses his role of keeping the "negras" in check. So look out America. There's a

change comin'. Pull the Enola Gay out of the Smithsonian, and load it up. It's going on a search and destroy mission. Newt will be the pilot, making passes over Los Angeles, Houston, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Southeast Washington, DC, and, yes, Atlanta, too. He'll be dropping the "Newticle" bombs on the poor and the underprivileged.

Try to stay clear of the fallout, and stockup on your supplies; you'll need them. Dr. StrangeLove is back.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL Violence is only a symptom

Crime figures for the most part are down in the metropolitan area except for one disturbing area—teenage crime. Teenage crime and violence has become the number one issue in today's society. Recently, New Jersey has implemented measures that deal with youth violence from being suspended from school for one year to being placed in alternative schools.

We agree that these and other measures are necessary to provide students with a safe place in which to be educated; however, it must be realized that the violence committed by these youths is a symptom of more deep-seated problems in our society.

Violence is rooted in poverty, ignorance, prejudice and disrespect for authority. Until we face these problems and begin to solve them, violence will continue to plague our communities and cause youth to miss one of the greatest aspects of being young—the feeling of being safe.

## This Gingrich will steal more than Christmas

by Julian K. Robinson

My most recent active political involvement included a public endorsement last summer of Senator Frank Lautenberg's third-term candidacy and three months of daily volunteer work since July across the Hudson in the re-election campaign of New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall.

In addition, you might say I had a strong emotional and spiritual involvement in the re-election efforts of New York Governor Mario Cuomo and Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, in my view both exceptional public servants. Given the outstanding victories of Kennedy, Lautenberg and McCall, and the defeat of Oliver North in Virginia, I imagined myself in a winning record of four out of five.

The dark and depressing other side of November's election for me, however, is the jarringly simultaneous national Republican victory of overwhelming proportions, attaining that (Republican) party's first House majority since 1954, its first majority of state governors since 1970 and its first Senate majority in eight years and the likely beginning of a dramatic slide backward to the political and economic conservatism of the Reagan era.

I share New York Times columnist Bob Herbert's frightful prediction that beginning with the next Congress, "the Republicans will resume their war on urban America with a vengeance, targeting especially the elderly, the poor and the young."

And such a prospect is not terrifying enough in and of itself, looming in the immediate future is the January ascendancy of Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich to the exalted role of Speaker of the House of Representatives, third in line of succession to the Presidency itself. Not only do the Gingrich right-wing philosophy and views cause me shudders, several alleged episodes from his personal life raise serious questions for me about his fitness to fill a national position of immense influence and power over the lives and very existence of others.

On the one hand, his first public

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## As I See It...

by Connie Woodruff

If Essex County Executive-elect Jim Treffinger is serious about wanting to know what's really going on in county government, his transition team should be prepared to talk to the rank and file workers who have been on the payrolls of various departments for decades.

Above and beyond administrators and department heads the workers who keep offices functioning know the real deal about departmental budgets, policy, structure and ethics. These workers can even come up with suggestions on how to improve productivity and morale.

The Treffinger transition team co-chairmen include Jose Linares, West Caldwell attorney; Joseph Yonmoto, a Millburn businessman and Patricia Hurt, an attorney with municipal (Newark) and county government experience.

Hopefully in his outreach Mr. Treffinger will not solely rely on Mr. Hurt in dealing with issues impacting on African Americans. He has a golden opportunity to tap capable, knowledgeable and balanced black Republicans like South Ward (Newark) COP chairman, Harold Edwards, a former county employee and city business man, Henry (Hank) Henderson of the NY-NJ Port Authority, retired Judge

Harry Hazelwood, Everett Jennings of East Orange, Mary Singleton, a special NGO representative to the United Nations and John Taliffaro, to mention a few.

Jim Treffinger has an excellent opportunity to bring about the change he consistently promised as a candidate but change must be for all the people in the county. Newark, East Orange, Irvington and Orange must be on the mind of the county executive as Short Hills, Montclair, Caldwell and Millburn are.

So far Treffinger has limited his transition team to suburbanites. In addition to the co-chairmen, the team's executive director is Kevin O'Toole, a Cedar Grove councilman.

Even the Democrat selected by acting county executive, County Administrator Donald Biase to serve as a liaison to the transition team halls from suburbia. He is Essex County counsel Stephen Edelstein who had served on the transition teams of former County Executive Thomas D'Alessio.

Edelstein is also chairman of the Essex County Improvement Authority, an autonomous agency that oversees the county's garbage disposal system at its incinerator.

Sometimes it does appear that the more things change the more they are the same, politically speak-

ing, that is.

Arrogance can kill the goose that lays the golden egg and that's what may happen to the Superintendent and Newark Board of Education.

The state is now threatening to cut Newark aid over the school board's five new cars purchased without approval by the acting auditor general who represents the state in Newark.

Superintendent Eugene Campbell has been ordered to stop payment on checks totaling \$74,000 for the cars or face a loss of state aid in that amount.

The state and the board have been arguing about the purchase since last summer with the auditor general sending memos to Campbell directing that the purchases be held. Campbell replied contending the purchases were made when board lawyers advised him they were proper. The bone of contention between the auditor general and the board appears to be based on failure to assure the state the vehicles will be used only for official business.

Campbell has said board members needed them to visit schools in the district. Four of the cars are to be used by eight board members while the fifth was purchased for the exclusive use of the board president.

Newark is the only district in the state providing district purchased cars to board members. Campbell has the use of a car and driver as do many other

school superintendents.

Most of the time Rebecca Doggett served as auditor general she too was ignored when it came to spending money. The superintendent and board were bombarded with memos and severely criticized but that was about the extent of "punishment" for violating the state audit.

Deputy Education Commissioner Richard DiPatri said, "If the board continues to kick sand in our face, then perhaps we should pursue other options... if the only way we can recuperate that money is to demand state aid payments, then that is what we will have to do."

The Newark school budget is higher than the overall budget for the city of Newark, a fact that seems to be of little concern to the mayor and council. At least they don't complain publicly while picking up 20 percent of the cost of running schools in Newark that has one of the worst reputations for properly educating children.

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It's been a long time coming but finally school administrators and Newark Mayor Sharpe James are admitting schools are so bad police patrols will watch over children inside and outside school buildings and neighboring neighborhoods.

Said James, "A crisis now exists. (Continued on page 10)

## The double standard continues

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For an elected official to make these statements is completely irresponsible. Senator Helms should have been treated like any other individual making these kinds of public remarks would have been.

The double standards are glaring and only further to develop a distrustful and skeptical attitude among our youth who are taught one thing in school, but see it practiced another way in real life.

Senator Helms and the other members of Congress who sought to explain and justify his comments shouldn't get upset when any unsta-

ble or insane individual(s) might threaten or physically harm them.

It is very disturbing that someone who is as fanatical and out of control as Senator Jesse Helms will be heading up one of the most important and powerful committees in the government. The Foreign Relations Committee doesn't need as its chairperson, someone who has already promoted insurrection and insubordination from the armed forces and in addition, has threatened the Commander in Chief.

While we all may like to read the

literary works of authors like Robert Ludlum, Tom Clancy, Ken Follett etc., detailing intrigue and espionage in our government, and just sum it up as fiction, the reality and truth behind some of this work isn't that far-fetched from events unfolding right before our eyes and behind the scenes that never get reported to the public.

Members of the Republican Party who are opposed to the factual views and dogma of Senator Helms', Strom Thurmond's, Newt Gingrich's etc. contingent, should not be afraid to speak up and voice their opposition

to these extremists.

Senator Bob Dole has said that he had a "talk" with Senator Helms, who assured him that his comments were just made in "jest" and were out of context. Senator Helms should be taken in "jest" and not allowed to obtain the chairman position on this important Congressional committee. If he does, the Republican Party had better prepare itself for more embarrassing statements and behavior on the part of this indistinguishable Senator from North Carolina.

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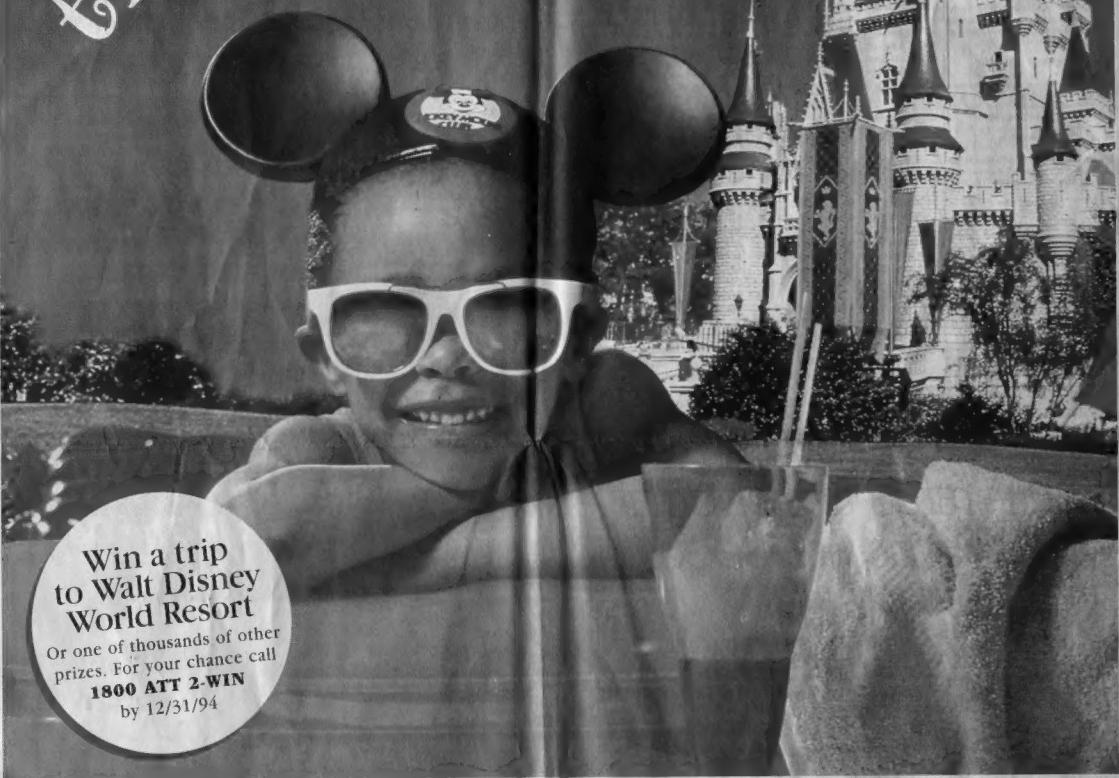
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DECEMBER 8

**NEW YORK**—Portrait a play about a family living with the secret of incest will be performed at The Shubert Theater at NYU Tisch School of Arts at 10 p.m. For more info, call 212-969-0748.

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**WESTBURY**—Gladys Knight will perform at the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For more info, call 516-334-8600.

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**ATLANTIC CITY**—Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons will appear at The Grand Ballroom Casino Resort. For more info, call 1-800-736-1420.

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**NEW YORK**—The Marymount Manhattan Dance Company presents Soupy Sales narrating the ballet "Peter and the Wolf" at 3 p.m. at the Marymount Manhattan Theater on 221 East 71st Street.

DECEMBER 10, 11, 12

**WESTBURY**—Kenny Rogers will be performing at the Westbury Music Fair for the holiday season. For more info, call 201-529-6500.

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**NEW YORK**—The Lincoln Center presents a week-long jazz celebration honoring Louis Armstrong at various locations. For more info, call 212-721-6500.

DECEMBER 15 THRU 28

**MILLBURN**—The Nutcracker will be performed at the Paper Mill Playhouse at 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. matinees. For more info, call 201-378-4364.

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**WATCHUNG**—Jazz vocalist Jeanie Bryson will be appearing at the Watchung Art Center. The 8:00 p.m. concert will offer a varied program of jazz, pop, salsa and more. Call 908-553-0190 for ticket information.

**SOUTH AMBOY**—Saxman Marion Massie will be performing at Club Bene Dinner Theater. Showtime is at 9:00 p.m. For more info, and or reservations call 908-727-3000.

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**ARTZ WEDNESDAY****Snipes and Warner star in Drop Zone**

On December 9, Paramount Pictures is releasing *Drop Zone*, a high-action thriller starring Wesley Snipes and Malcolm Jamal Warner. Directed by John Badham (*Blue Thunder* and *Stakeout*), *Drop Zone* brings some of the most authentic skydiving stunts to the big screen.

Snipes and Warner play brothers Pete and Terry Nessip, two U.S. Marshalls who are escorting a convicted computer hacker to prison via a commercial 747. During the trip the plane is attacked and the prisoner is kidnapped by skydivers. Terry is killed during the attack and Pete teams up with a professional skydiver to bring the renegade parachutist team and their leader (Ty Moncrief (Gary Bussey)) to justice before they overtake the flight deck zone. (Washington, DC—Wesley Snipes was the first actor we brought into the film," says director John Badham. "What made me do it so interesting was his athletic abilities and charisma. He has a way of letting you know he could learn all of this stuff in five minutes. He has great strength and power, in person and on the screen."

Wesley Snipes has become one of Hollywood's most eclectic leading men, receiving acclaim for roles in such films as *Sugar Hill*, *Rising Sun*, *Passenger 57*, *With Honors*, *Jump*, *New Jack City* and *Just for Fun*. His upcoming films include *To Wong Foo Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar*.

**WAR set to appear in concert at Club Bené**

Rock, jazz, funk, Latin, R&B group WAR will be performing in concert at the Club Bené Dinner Theater located on Rt. 35 in Saylorville, NJ, on Saturday December 10, for one night only. For reservations call 908-27-3000.

**WNET presents Legendary Trails**

**NEW YORK**—From time immemorial, faithful pilgrims have endured the hardships of trekking to places considered sacred in their beliefs. In *Legendary Trails*, four one-hour programs premiering Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. (ET) on PBS, distinguished writers and journalists trace the footprints of these travelers and find themselves embarking on journeys of spiritual exploration as well. The series is presented on public television by Thirteen/WNET in New York.

*Legendary Trails* is part of the PBS programming initiative featuring the theme of "exploration" that began in the fall. Programs airing in "exploration" take audiences on tours of exotic locations, guided by noted hosts who offer a highly personal view of the journey. "This is armchair travel for the mind as well as the eye," notes Thirteen's George Page, director of Science, Nature, and Features. "The programs in *Legendary Trails* are not only terrific travel stories, but they also touch on an ancient human desire: the quest for knowledge that transcends human experience. You don't have to believe in anything particularly religious or spiritual to be awed by the variety and difficulty of the journeys people have made for the sake of their souls."

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and *Money Train* which he'll begin filming in New York this December.

Born in Orlando, Florida, Snipes moved to the South Bronx with his family and attended the High School for the Performing Arts. He then attended Syosset High School and went to play roles in each Broadway production as Boys of Winter, Execution of Justice and Nobel Laureate

Wole Soyinka's Death and King's Horsemen. Snipes now resides on both the East and West Coasts and is a student of Capoeira, African/Brazilian martial art form.

"The challenge is the art challenge for me to tackle," says Warner who has tried his hand at directing television. *Drop Zone* was a great experience. Aside from the fun I had working with Wesley, it also provided me with the opportunity to learn more as a director. John Badham was very generous in terms of knowledge. I was always asking him questions and he was very willing to share information with me."

De Shields brings an all-new, tenth anniversary production of his hot and sassy musical revue *Haarlem Nocturne* to Crossroads Theater Company, closing with Crossroads' second annual "Bring Down the House" New Year's Eve gala, December 31.

With original music and classics representing five decades of styles including rhythm and blues, jazz, reggae and rock and roll, *Haarlem Nocturne* tells the story of a young man's journey from a small town to the big city and back.

De Shields, who originated the title role in the original Broadway pro-

**Janet Taylor Pickett exhibits work at Westminster Art Gallery**

Janet Taylor Pickett (right) is among a group of 21 award-winning artists whose work is featured in "Anniversary: A Westminster Retrospective," at Bloomfield College's Westminster Art Gallery through December 16. The show includes photography, paintings and drawings, sculpture, an installation, and prints. The Westminster Art Gallery is located in the College's Westminster Arts Center on Fremont Street in Bloomfield, and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and by appointment. For more information on the exhibition, the gallery, call Lisa Farese at 201-748-9000, ext. 343.



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**Holiday Musical Fare at Crossroads**

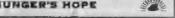
**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Expect temperatures to rise in New Brunswick during the frosty holiday season as Broadway musical star Andre De Shields brings an all-new, tenth anniversary production of his hot and sassy musical revue *Haarlem Nocturne* to Crossroads Theater Company, closing with Crossroads' second annual "Bring Down the House" New Year's Eve gala, December 31.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10  
JERSEY CITY—Buying and Investing In Foreclosed Real Estate Conference at Hudson County Community College from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-714-2107.

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ANGELA CORIO  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL PURCHASING  
NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY  
12/07/94

## East Orange and NJT to host business conference

EAST ORANGE—The city of East Orange and New Jersey Transit Corporation have joined together to provide owners of minority, small and women-owned businesses with information on how to do business with large companies and governmental agencies in the metropolitan area.

On Tuesday, December 13, from

10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the main branch of the East Orange Public Library, the city and NJ Transit will sponsor a conference entitled "The Art of Inclusion."

The day-long event will focus on how businesses can receive certification to qualify for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

programs of government agencies and various sources of financial and technical assistance available.

During the day business owners will also be able to promote their specific products, goods and services at the conference which will feature workshops covering topics such as bidding for goods and services set aside programs, MBE/DBE certifi-

cation, bonding, insurance, seeking technical and financial assistance, "East Orange is proud to join with New Jersey Transit and provide this unique opportunity to support our city's businesses," Mayor Cardell Cooper said. "This program represents our commitment to strengthening our local businesses and I applaud NJ Transit for their foresight

and commitment to minority, small and women-owned businesses."

According to George Wheate Williams, East Orange coordinator of economic development, the concept for the conference came after discussions with local businesses voicing concerns about the difficulty they have experienced gaining ac-

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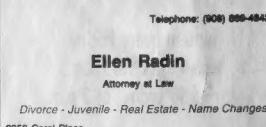
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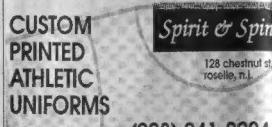
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<b>INVITATION TO BID (P.L. 1975 C 127)</b>					

The Housing Authority of Plainfield invites bids on the installation of Closed Circuit Television System at West End Gardens Library & West Fourth Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, as shown & indicated in the contract documents. Drawings and specifications are \$55.00 per set and may be picked up at the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

In addition to the requirements of the drawings and specifications, and general conditions of bidding, your attention is drawn to the following items:

1. PHA will receive bid at the business office located at 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey on December 9, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. local time at which time they will be opened publicly.
2. Bids will be sealed publicly.
3. All bids must be submitted in duplicate on the official bid form and enclosed in an envelope which must be sealed, addressed to the project administrator, and marked:

**BID FOR: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD**  
WEST END GARDENS CTV  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

4. All bids must be on a lump sum basis, separate prime contract bids will not be accepted.

5. Prices quoted must include all federal, state and municipal sales and excise taxes.

6. The owner reserves the right to:

- a. Reject any or all bids without any reason therefore;
- b. Accept any bid or bids which it deems is in its best interest;
- c. Be the sole judge of equivalency.

7. Any bid submitted will be binding for thirty (30) days subsequent to the date of the bid opening.

8. The form of agreement between the owner and the contractor will be AIA document A101 owner/contractor agreement, stipulated sum, current edition.

9. The following forms supplied with the specification shall be submitted with each bid:

Proposal Form

Bid Bond

Consent of Surety

Non Collusive Affidavit

Certificate As To Corporate Principals

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Statement of Bidders Qualifications

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Performance Bond

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### INVITATION TO BID (P.L. 1975 C 127)

The Housing Authority of Plainfield invites bids on the installation of Automatic Gates at Richmond Towers Site, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, as shown & indicated in the contract documents. Drawings and specifications are \$55.00 per set and may be picked up at the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

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**BID FOR: THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD**

RICHMOND TOWERS AUTOMATIC GATES

PLAINFIELD NEW JERSEY 07060

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### BID INVITATION

**FAITH, BRICKS & MORTAR, INC.  
A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

#### REHABILITATION PROJECTS

1601-03 WEST THIRD STREET, PLAINFIELD

1064-ARLINGTON AVENUE, PLAINFIELD

Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., a Community Housing Development Organization, will receive sealed bids for the rehabilitation of 1601-03 West Third Street and/or 1064 Arlington Avenue, as shown on drawings and detailed in these specifications from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, prevailing time, on December 16, 1994, at the place of business, 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 (First Unitarian Society of Plainfield).

This is a sealed envelope bid. Bids must be submitted in an envelope which is to be addressed to the business office during the hours the business office is open during the time herein stated. This project is authorized pursuant to an Agreement between the City of Plainfield and Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., as part of the HOME program, funded by the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee.

A copy of the contract documents may be obtained on December 9, 1994, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

A prospective Contractor shall furnish payment to the order of Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., or satisfactory Cash on Demand account, the amount equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid, but not to exceed Nine Thousand Nine Hundred (\$9,900) Dollars shall be submitted with the bid.

Attention is called to the fact that no less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the bid documents, must be paid on the project and that employees and applicants for employment are not to be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bidders must comply with all the requirements of Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 as well as the Affirmative Action requirement of the City of Plainfield, along with the Federal Equal Opportunity Employment Act and Davis-Bacon wage requirements. Such requirements are set forth in the bid documents. Bidders must also comply with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding requirements.

Time is of the essence and all work must be completed by the time specified in the specific bid. Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., reserves the right to accept the lowest qualified bidder, to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informality in bids or to accept any bid as it shall deem fit for the best interest of the HOME program. Preference shall be given to Plainfield bidders.

All bids shall be reviewed by the Development Committee of Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., on Thursday, December 22, 1994, at a duly constituted meeting of said committee, at 1064-ARLINGTON AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, at 1:00 PM. The Development Committee will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, on January 11, 1995. Said meeting shall commence at 3:00 PM. Bids may be held by Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc., for a period not to exceed (60) calendar days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the contracts.

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## COMMENTARY

## NBA system out of whack, not just Webber

by Fern Taylor

Stop dissin' Chris Webber. Leave Aeneas Hardaway alone, too. These brothers have been blamed for everything that's wrong with sports today. The chorus of squawking and whining against these young stars has grown louder since Webber, last year's NBA Rookie of the Year, was traded from the Golden State Warriors to the Washington Bullets. For Tom Gugliotta and three first round draft picks because he and Warriors coach Don Nelson could not get along.

All the major papers, the call-in-shows and the sports casters have been vicious in their verbal assaults. They are called cabbies, greedy, selfish, ungrateful, petulant and bad for the game.

Reading this stuff made me upset, because "it ain't about all that." While some of these players badly need some home training (a few more good whippings when they were younger wouldn't have hurt), common sense would tell you that it's not just about greed and selfishness on the part of 20-year-olds. The whole system is out of whack.

Listen, you can blame Webber if someone is willing to pay him a billion dollars to play round ball and to cater to his every need! Is it right to get mad at Hardaway for exercising a right—legally agreed to by ownership—to re-negotiate after one year, if that's his choice?

Let me ask you this: If the contractor on your \$10 job gave you a legal right to re-negotiate a better arrangement after a year's work, wouldn't you investigate the possibilities?

All the focus is on the zillion of dollars these men make. We neglect to explore the undercurrent of social and business stimuli that contribute to the insanity of the present day product called the National Basketball Association that we love.

Let me attempt to bring some light to the situation with the following, well-thought-out (OK opinionated-

ed) statements: Players are born to compete. It's in their blood. In order to become a professional, an athlete has to be ten times better than nearly everyone else on the planet. Successful athletes ooze confidence, and for some, cockiness, and arrogance. From the neighborhood playground to the NBA arenas to commercial endorsements competing against one another is the norm. What makes you think it would be any different when it comes to getting paid?

Think about it. What's the difference between \$65 million and \$74 million to a 20-year-old. Both contracts will pay for a fleet of Jags, Rolls, or anything else you care to want. You can't tell me, though, the notion that "I'm better than you, so I need to get paid more than you."

The agents are born to make athletes (and themselves) rich. How much do you think a 21-year-old is going to know about business, law, and contracts? Very little or none at all. All they need to know is:

- 1) where they were drafted
- 2) how much did the guy before me get paid?
- 3) what did the guy who was picked after me get paid?

Feeding off this logic and the competitive nature of the athletes,

agents are what makes the agents MVPs at driving up the price to get his player a contract. Oh yes, the agent gets paid handsomely for his efforts. And gets paid again if he has to re-negotiate (see 1-year opt out clause).

Owners are born to buy, sell and make a profit. NBA owners know their economics. They know that NBA teams are a finite resource that's in high demand (do you know of a major metro area in the world that doesn't want a team?).

Consequently, ownership will cope with the pressure to win, to sign the best talent, to set aside big money to improve players. They'll hire a coach every couple of years to teach, baby-sit, psychoanalyze and nurture these players. When the owner gets fed up, he'll just sell the team and get double his money back. Not a bad deal.

Commissioner David Stern is right, with a huge NBA pie there is plenty to go around so that everybody gets paid. A rookie salary cap is a critical first step in any collective bargaining agreement. Yet it is irresponsible and narrow-minded to attack the players alone for exercising their rights to get paid.

### Results of 1st. Annual Donald Van Blake Junior Tennis Tournament

The tournament was played on November 11 to 13, at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield.

#### Event

#### Girls 12 Singles

#### Boys 12 Singles

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#### Boys 14 Singles

#### Girls 18 Singles

#### Boys 18 Singles

#### Winner

Paige Corbett

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Plainfield

Rob Candela

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## As I see it... (Continued from page 4)

We cannot allow our schools to become a hostile environment." In pointing to daily reports on students being harassed, robbed and beaten in or near schools.

On occasion I visit Newark schools and in the high schools in particular students are up and down the stairwells and halls like a thunder herd when changing classrooms and at the end of the days session.

A fight can break out in the twinkling of an eye if someone accidentally steps on somebody's foot or is unintentionally pushed.

When young people say they're scared to go to school it isn't an excuse for staying home. The atmosphere in and around most of the high schools is threatening and dangerous and you never can tell who brought a gun to school that day or what gang is waiting around for a rumble.

Mayor James has called for more individual and parental accountability.

but those parents who are responsible people are often denied an opportunity to speak at board meetings and other public gatherings. Some who do speak out are subjected to boos from workers and teachers who take criticism personally. And only on rare occasions do elected officials attend these meetings.

Superintendent Campbell and Mayor James agree the community must become involved to address drugs, crime and unemployment which they believe create the problems at schools.

But they don't answer the question about how Newark students can be employed as functional litigators and how best to convince unemployed to just say "No" to drugs and crime as a way of getting money they need in a kinetic society.

"Everybody wants a cop on every corner," the mayor said. In Newark that's a truism if I ever heard one.

## EO and NJT to host business conference

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cess and opportunities to do business with government and larger companies and corporations.

Talmech Williams, Senior DBF Representative for NJ Transit said, "this conference is designed to provide useful and key information that will open the channels for minority businesses." Both emphasized that the program was not a "shot deal" and that ongoing activities including procurement fairs and MBE/DBE certification workshops will take place. For additional information and registration call George Wheate Williams at 201-266-0938 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The conference is free and open to the public.

## DORCA to host

### Al Ruffin Memorial tennis tournament

**NEWARK**—The City of Newark's Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA), will sponsor the 1994, "Al Ruffin Memorial Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions" on December 10-16 at the Mountainside Tennis Club.

Harold Wright and Miriam Santiago, DORCA sports coordinators, said the tourney will offer events in men's singles, women's singles, junior singles, veterans singles and senior singles, as well as men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in all events.

All matches will be decided by the best two out of three sets with a 9-point tie breaker in all. In case of a forced tie in the championship round, the second place winner will be given. All competitors must be fully clothed in white, pastel or attire acceptable to the tournament committee. For more information, please contact Wright and/or Santiago at 201-733-6454.



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New Street & Springfield Ave.  
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Civic Square at City Hall

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Corner of Central Avenue and Evergreen Place  
Main & Lincoln Streets at Motor Vehicle Agency  
Main & South Burnet Streets at East Orange Diner  
City Hall Plaza

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#### PLAINFIELD

East 5th Street & Park Avenue at Red Tower Restaurant  
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